

All are welcome

Sunday 11 January
Second Sunday of the New Year

Call to Worship

1: Grace upon grace

2: glory is revealed

1: plenty beyond reason

2: despite the questions

All: the kingdom of God arrives, unexpectedly!

1: The best of the best

2: flowing freely

1: mysteriously abundant

2: from his fullness we all receive

All: the kingdom of God arrives, unexpectedly!

Hymn GWA 138

Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King,
Let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering,
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light,
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ.
Walking justly before Him, loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through Him.
King of Heaven, we will answer the call,
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost,
With the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross,
Bringing peace and forgiveness, and a hope yet to come;
Let the nations put their trust in Him.

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We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.

Words & Music by Stuart Townend (b.1963), Keith Getty (b.1974) & Kristyn Getty (b.1980).

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN - Come on and celebrate MP 99

Verse

Come on and celebrate
His gift of love, we will celebrate
The Son of God who loved us
And gave us life.
We'll shout Your praise, O King,
You give us joy nothing else can bring,
We'll give to You our offering
In celebration praise.

Chorus

Come on and celebrate, celebrate
Celebrate and sing,
Celebrate and sing to the King.
Come on and celebrate, celebrate
Celebrate and sing,
Celebrate and sing to the King.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 104:14-16

He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate – bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains their hearts.
The trees of the Lord are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'
'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'
His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.
Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

All age time

HYMN

HYMN - Christ is our light CH4 336
Christ is our light! the bright and morning star
covering with radiance all from near and far.
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray
into our hearts, into our world today.

Christ is our love! baptized that we may know
the love of God among us, swooping low.
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
and see in you the light of heaven's embrace.

Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest!
Through water turned to wine the feast was
blessed.
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,
as your disciples did in Galilee.

Leith Fisher (b. 1941)

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. Amen

SERMON

Hymn

There is one Gospel on which I stand
for all eternity.

It is my story, my Father's plan,
the Son has rescued me.

Oh, what a Gospel, oh what a peace.
My highest joy and my deepest
need.

Now and forever, He is my light.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel to which I cling,
all else I count as loss.

For there, where justice and mercy
meet,
He saved me on the cross.
No more I boast in what I can bring,
no more I carry the weight of sin.
For He has brought me from death to
life.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel where hope is found,
the empty tomb still speaks.

For death could not keep my Saviour
down,

He lives and I am free.

Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes,
my life is His and His hope is mine.
For He has promised I too will rise.

I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And in this Gospel, the church is one,
we do not walk alone.

We have His Spirit as we press on
to lead us safely home.

And when in glory still I will sing
of this old story that rescued me.

Praise to my Saviour, the King of life.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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of this old story that rescued me.

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Praise to my Saviour, the King of life.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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**Announcements,
Offering,
Prayers of intercession & Dedication**

Hymn - CH4 519

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Benediction